



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



State Presentation - Connecticut

April 27, 2021

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2021 Pipeline Safety Seminar

Virtual



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Personnel

- Supervisor – Karl Baker – 27 years
- Engineer 3 – Bruce Benson – 23 years
- Engineer 3 – Daniel Nivison – 22 years
- Engineer 2 – John DePaolo – 10 years
- Engineer 2 – Daniel Tomasino – 7 years
- Engineer 2 – Kevin Dowling – 7 years
- Engineer 1 – Sean Morris – 3 years



Operators

Total Number of Operators: 31

Private Distribution: 3

Municipal: 1

Master Meter operators: 0

Jurisdictional LP operators: 23

Interstate Transmission: 3

Interstate LNG: 1



Pipeline Facilities – Natural Gas

Distribution Main: 8,354 miles

Service Lines: 463,057

Interstate Transmission: 598 miles

LNG: 4 plants



Propane (LPG) Facilities

Total number of LPG facilities:	347
Facilities with 2 – 9 customers:	≈258
Facilities with 10 – 99 customers:	≈89
Facilities with over 100 customers:	0



Distribution Pipeline Materials - Mains

		% of Total Pipe
Cast Iron Mileage:	1,141	14%
Unprotected Steel Mileage:	153	2%
Cathodically Protected Steel Mileage:	3,303	40%
Plastic Mileage:	3,757	45%
Other:	.5	0%

Cast Iron Replacement Program

All companies are on a 20-year program

DIMP Trackers



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Inspections

GPSU Field Inspections

2016 - 471

2017 - 492

2018 - 472

2019 - 484

2020 - 459



Civil Penalties

Year	Number Assessed	Dollars Assessed	Number Collected	Dollars Collected
2016	38	\$294,375	26	\$180,025
2017	45	\$370,200	53	\$492,600
2018	31	\$1,702,725	34	\$1,202,680
2019	42	\$526,400	37	\$1,021,095
2020	33	\$132,400	31	\$176,800



Enforcement Issues

\$60,000 – failure to follow a procedure and failure of supervision/inspection to stop it

EVERSOURCE Procedure: Broad & Atkins Phase II,
Meriden: Tie-in & Energize 4679' of 6" PL main.

Area: Meriden - Central	Procedure Director: Jason Brennan 860-682-4791	SLC: G18 89721048
Written By: Fred Wittenberg	Date: 9/9/18	Checked By: David Hartung 363-982-3491 27 Sep 18 12:12 PM
Customer Service Affected: N/A	Customer Notified: N/A	Customer Outage to Start: N/A

Tie-in & Energize 4679' of 6" PL Main
60 PSIG MACP
Gas Control to notify Appropriate Eversource Supervisor of any issues during the procedure.

VG Dispatch - 860-682-7529 Gas Control - 844-886-9386 Meriden Fire Dept - 203-235-2537
ES Construction Supervisors: Ron Dineen - 954-625-0717 Fred Wittenberg - 960-292-7887 Chris Trull - 960-302-8624
ES Operations Supervisors: Greg May - 203-213-9618 Kevin Kabanick - 203-481-6801 Jim Durnais - 203-213-8873

Step No.	Date	Time	Initial	Initial and Record the Time When Each Step is Complete
Pre-1				Verify approved pressure test of 150 psig of the main for a minimum of 4 hours with Chief.
Pre-2				Notify Dispatch, Gas Control, and the Meriden Fire Dept that gas will be tested in the atmosphere at target location.
Pre-3				Tie-in location excavated and ready for installation, install PPI, PPS, PPS.
Pre-4				Ensure that V1, V2, V4, V6, V8, V7, V8, V9, and V10 are open. If any valves were closed during the pressure test, notify Appropriate Eversource Supervisor.
1				Record The Initial Pressure Reading at GFI. The Procedure Director is to suspend the procedure and contact Appropriate Eversource Supervisor if the below pressures read below 40psig. GFI: _____ PSIG
2				At Location A Close V1 & bleed down pressure through PPI.
3				At Location B incrementally squeeze of Main in accordance with Eversource procedure @ Eversource Phase 1.
4				Once Fully squeezed, bleed of pressure through PPS.
5				Install Tie-in at Location A with PPI Closed.
6				Install Tie-in at Location B with PPS open.
7				Close PPS.
8				Close V2, V4, V6, V8.



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Enforcement Issues

\$50,000 – failure to have an adequate procedure and failure to follow what was there

Job Procedure

Project Name: QUINCY ST/JARVIS CT, FAIRFIELD Date: 3/8/2018

Description: UPRATE 620'/420' OF 4" PL LP TO 60#; UPRATE 18 SERVICES

Pressure: LP Feed: 1-WAY Designer: DAVE NOBLE

Foreman...
Initial & Date each
Step upon completion

<input type="checkbox"/>	①	TURN OFF ALL ACTIVE METERS ON QUINCY ST AND JARVIS CT PER CUSTOMER INFO SHEET
<input type="checkbox"/>	②	CUT 4" PL MAIN ON QUINCY ST @ REEF RD AND PURGE GAS FROM MAIN
<input type="checkbox"/>	③	TIE-IN MAIN TO NEW 4" PL 60# MAIN ON REEF RD; PURGE AND GAS OUT
<input type="checkbox"/>	④	INSTALL FLOW LIMITORS ON ALL ACTIVE SERVICES PER CUSTOMER INFO SHEET; FITTERS TO INSTALL REGULATORS
<input type="checkbox"/>	⑤	TURN ON METERS PREVIOUSLY SHUT OFF AND RE-LIGHT APPLIANCES
<input type="checkbox"/>	⑥	JOB COMPLETE

* Refer to your Operations and Maintenance Manual for detailed operational standards and procedures.
If job is scheduled for installation during winter months, please return it to engineering for review.



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Enforcement Issues

\$80,000 – failure to follow a procedure and failing to have adequate inspection



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Enforcement Issues

\$75,000 – failure to follow a welding procedure and failing to have an adequate OQ evaluation



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Enforcement Issues

- \$25,000 – failure to properly fuse pipe – didn't engage locking mechanism – told GPSU machine was broken – signed off on joint as acceptable



Enforcement Issues

- \$50,000 – failure to abandon a service line



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Enforcement Issues

- \$10,000 – Jeeping with incorrect voltage (20,000 vs. 2,000), un-calibrated jeeper (2003) and inadequate training and testing (OQ)

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REPORT OF CALIBRATION

Instrument: High Voltage Probe
Submitted By: Tinker & Rasor
417 Agostino Road
San Gabriel CA 91776-2506

Manufacturer: Tektronix
Model: PG015A
Serial No: 8032974 C/N: —

Rated Accuracy: 3% ratio error not incl. scope error.
Range: 20 kVDC & pk AC, 40 kV pk pulse, DC to 75 MHz

WORK REQUESTED:	CONDITION AS RECEIVED:		COMMENTS:
	PHYSICAL	FUNCTIONAL	
Calibrate & Certify	Good	Within Tolerance	

SERVICES PERFORMED: CALIBRATED TO MFG. SPECS. PARTS USED:

REMARKS:

The above instrument was calibrated using the following standards:

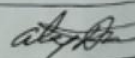

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	SERIAL #	RATED ACCURACY	CALIBRATED	DUE
1. Tektronix	PG-500	8031204	+/- 1 nS	02/05/02	02/05/03
2. Tektronix	405B	8057788	+/- 2%	01/29/02	01/29/03
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1. 873712, 257949, 257776, WWWB
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Due Feb 20, 2003 Humidity 45 % +/- 5%

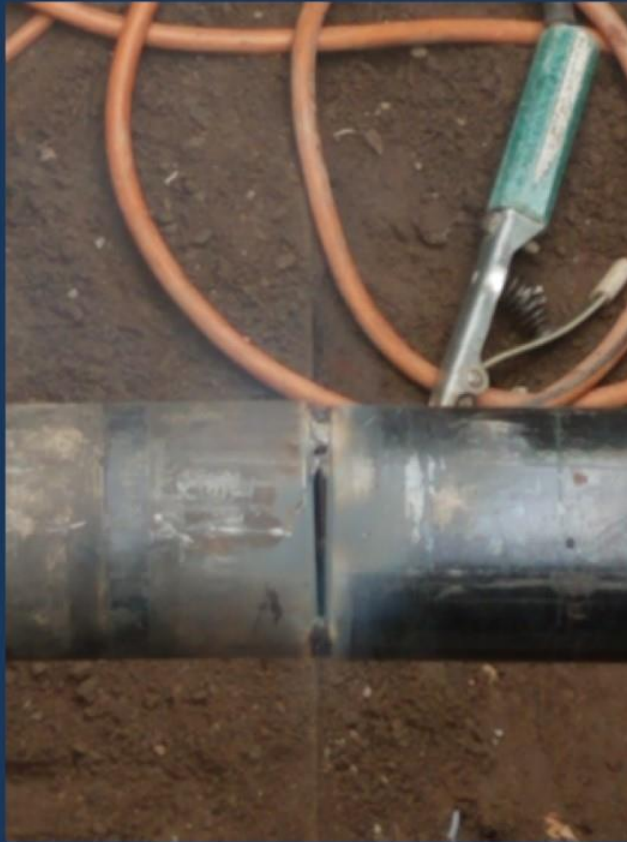
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Enforcement Issues

- \$50,000 failure to follow welding procedures and failure to properly inspect



Enforcement Issues

- \$10,000 – failure to paint a meter header and failure to notice it at least 10 different times



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Enforcement Issues

\$50,000 – lack of timely remediation for low CP readings



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Enforcement Issues

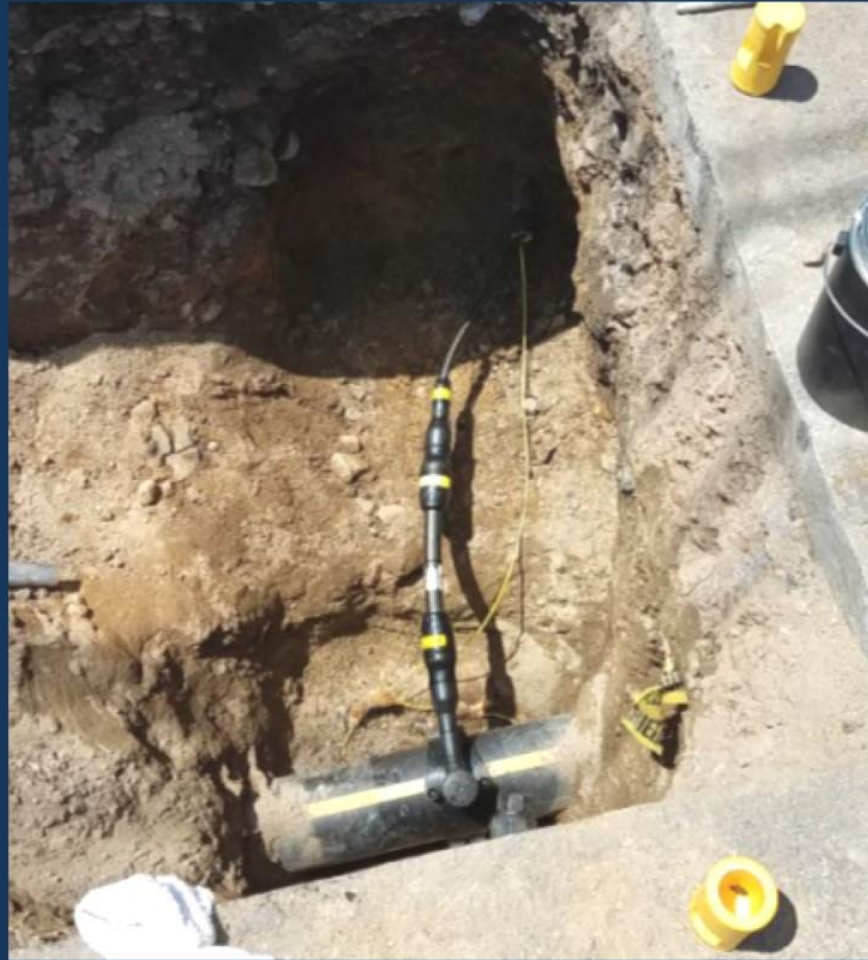
49 CFR 192.755 - failure to protect cast iron



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Enforcement Issues

49 CFR 192.361(d) – bend radius



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Enforcement Issues

– \$25,000 – fusion w/o drag pressure



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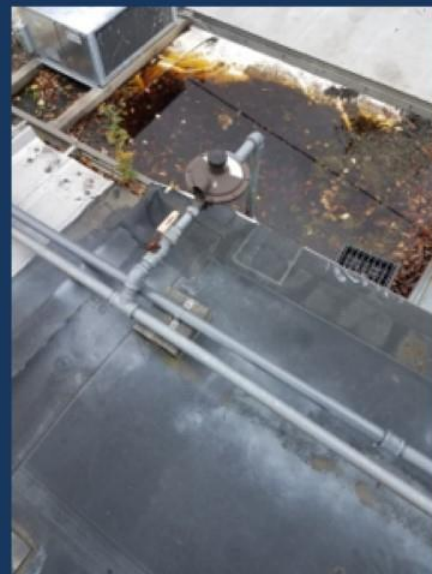
– \$25,000 – Bare steel? CP? OQ? AOC?



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Enforcement Issues

\$1,500 – LP Facility NFPA 58 Violations



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\$5,000 – LP Facility NFPA 58 Violations



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\$7,000 – LP Facility NFPA 58 Violations



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\$75,000 – LP Facility NFPA 58 Violations



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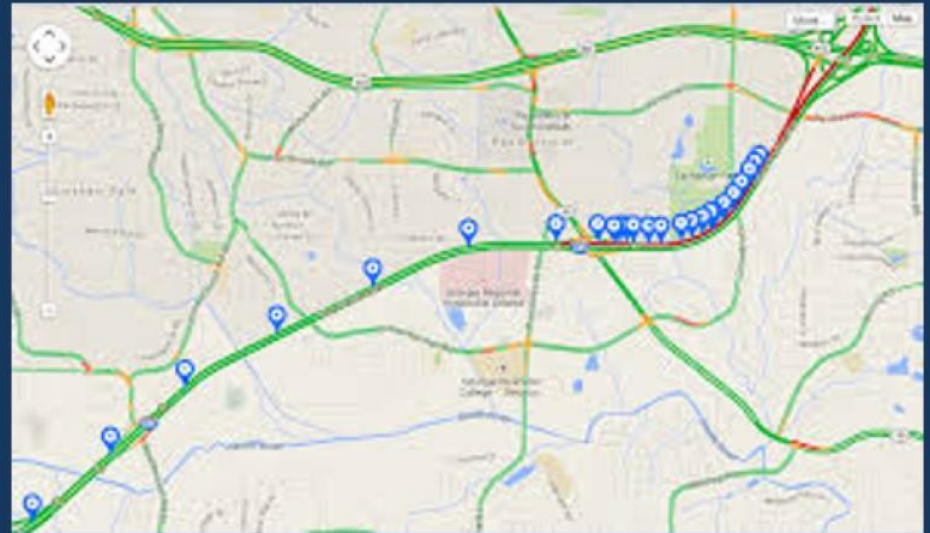
\$20,000 – TGP “voluntary” donation to CBYD



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Enforcement Issues

\$? – Outage 2,339 customers –
failure of I&R technician to follow
procedures



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Damage Prevention

Year	Total Locate Requests	Total Damages per 1,000 Locates	Total Gas Damages per 1,000 Locates	Total Gas Damages due to Utility Error per 1,000 Locates	Total Fines Collected
2016	206,131	2.60	1.4	0.4	\$135,300
2017	215,630	2.17	1.5	0.5	\$299,500
2018	227,589	2.25	1.2	0.4	\$419,825
2019	234,095	2.46	1.3	0.5	\$412,725
2020	232,234	2.26	1.3	0.5	\$271,600



Reportable Incidents

Description	Incident Cause	F	I	Cost
AGT (Interstate) Equipment Failure	Premature relief valve failure below MAOP at unmanned compressor station – reported to NRC 9 days after release	0	0	\$18,415 5.8 MMCF released
AGT (Interstate) Equipment Failure	Belowground 1" threaded connection leak	0	0	\$100,333 \$100,000 repair cost

Should these really be incidents?



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Reportable Incidents



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Regulatory Action

Current Legislative Proposal

Draft Proposed Regulations



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Questions?

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